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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Status of Proposed Agency Regulation 50-200,
"Dissemination of Intelligence and Intelligence
Information"

1. Because OCR has had considerable running difficulty in the general progress of the proposed revision of the Agency's dissemination regulation (Regulation No. 50-200), I thought you might wish to be apprised of the matter at large as well as its immediate status.

2. LD/OCD (OCR) submitted an initial draft of this regulation on 12 March 1953. General coordination was undertaken by the then OIC/DD/I and a revised draft encompassing the position of OIC and the then OCD was issued on 22 September 1953. This in turn was the basis for Agency-wide coordination by OIC in October 1953. Between this latter date and 3 September 1954, OIC had prolonged discussions on the regulation throughout the Agency and, under date of 3 September 1954, the Regulations Control Staff circulated a draft of the same date for general concurrence. Along with other elements of the Agency OCD submitted its views on this draft and in consequence of subsequent negotiations relating thereto another revised draft, dated 20 December 1954, was prepared. Agency coordination then devolved on LD/CD and on 15 June 1955 Acting AD/CD circulated an OCD draft calling for acceptance thereof or statement of dissent. The latter statements submitted led to a further draft dated 30 June 1955. This in turn evolved into a draft dated 6 July 1955 which represents the views of components of the DD/I and the DD/S. It was furnished the DD/P for concurrence. This concurrence has not as yet been forthcoming although we have repeatedly and frequently sought the position of the DD/P. Each time inquiry was made of the officer then known to be charged with the responsibility for the proposed regulation within the DD/P, OCR representative was informed that another person had been assigned the duties of formulating the DD/P position. This occurred on at least five separate occasions.

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3. On or about 6 April 1956, OCR was advised that the DD/P views would be submitted within a fortnight. We have yet to hear from them. The Regulations Control Staff is now directly inquiring of this office, whom they have charged with the ultimate responsibility for the regulation, as to when a revised and coordinated draft will be submitted. In spite of diligent efforts, we can still only say that we await the DD/P position. This, of course, is not a satisfactory answer.

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